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NEW YORK, MARCH 29 (AP)--A FOOTNOTE RECOGNIZING OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE DENIAL OF A PASSAGE IN RICHARD M. NIXON'S BOOK, "SIX CRISES," WILL APPEAR IN THE SECOND EDITION.

THE CHALLENGED PASSAGE RELATES TO THE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT'S ELECTION CONTEST WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

NIXON'S PUBLISHER, DOUBLEDAY & CO., SAID YESTERDAY THAT NIXON HAD REQUESTED THAT THE SECOND EDITION, NOW ON THE PRESS, CONTAIN A FOOTNOTE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE RELATING TO THE INCIDENT IN DISPUTE.

NIXON WROTE THAT ONLY ONCE DURING THE 1960 CAMPAIGN DID HE BECOME "MADE AT KENNEDY-- PERSONALLY."

HE SAID THIS WAS WHEN HE READ THAT KENNEDY ADVOCATED UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN CUBA AFTER NIXON UNDERSTOOD THAT KENNEDY HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON SECRET U.S. SUPPORT OF CUBAN REBELS AT THE TIME.

NIXON WROTE:

"I THOUGHT THAT KENNEDY, WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS, WAS JEOPARDIZING THE SECURITY OF A UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY OPERATION."

HE SAID THAT, TO COVER UP THE SECRET SUPPORT, HE HAD TO TAKE A LESS POPULAR, OPPOSITE POSITION ON THE SUBJECT.

AFTER THE BOOK WAS PUBLISHED, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING KENNEDY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT UNITED STATES SUPPORT OF A POSSIBLE CUBAN INVASION UNTIL AFTER HE WON THE ELECTION.

THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT WAS SUPPORTED BY ALLEN DULLES, THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE PERSON WHO BRIEFED KENNEDY TWICE DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

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DULLES SAID:

"THERE HAS BEEN HERE, I BELIEVE, AN HONEST MISUNDERSTANDING...MY BRIEFINGS WERE INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS ON THE WORLD SITUATION. THEY DID NOT COVER OUR OWN GOVERNMENT'S PLANS OR PROGRAMS FOR ACTION, OVERT OR COVERT."

THE FOOTNOTE ON THE SECOND EDITION OF THE BOOK READS:

"SEN. KENNEDY WAS BRIEFED ON CUBA BY THE CIA REPRESENTATIVES ON JULY 23, 1960, AT HYANNIS PORT, MASS. MY ACCOUNTS AT THE TIME CHARACTERIZED THIS BRIEFING AS A 'NOTHING WITHHELD RUN DOWN' OF THE 'TWO HOT SPOTS, CUBA AND TAIWAN.' THE NEW YORK TIMES ON JULY 24 REPORTED: '...SUCH SECRET INFORMATION AS WAS ADDED TO THE SENATOR'S FUND OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WORLD AFFAIRS WILL REMAIN SECRET. BUT IT PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR HIS CAMPAIGN UTTERANCES DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE AND IT PUTS HIM ON THE SAME FOOTING AS THE ADMINISTRATION'S CANDIDATE, PRESIDENT NIXON.'

"HOWEVER, AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THIS BOOK, THE WHITE HOUSE ISSUED A STATEMENT ON MARCH 20, 1962, DENYING THAT THE TWO AND ONE-FOURTHS HOURS BRIEFING COVERED UNITED STATES OPERATIONS RELATIVE TO CUBA."

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